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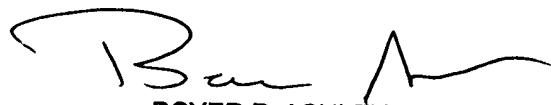
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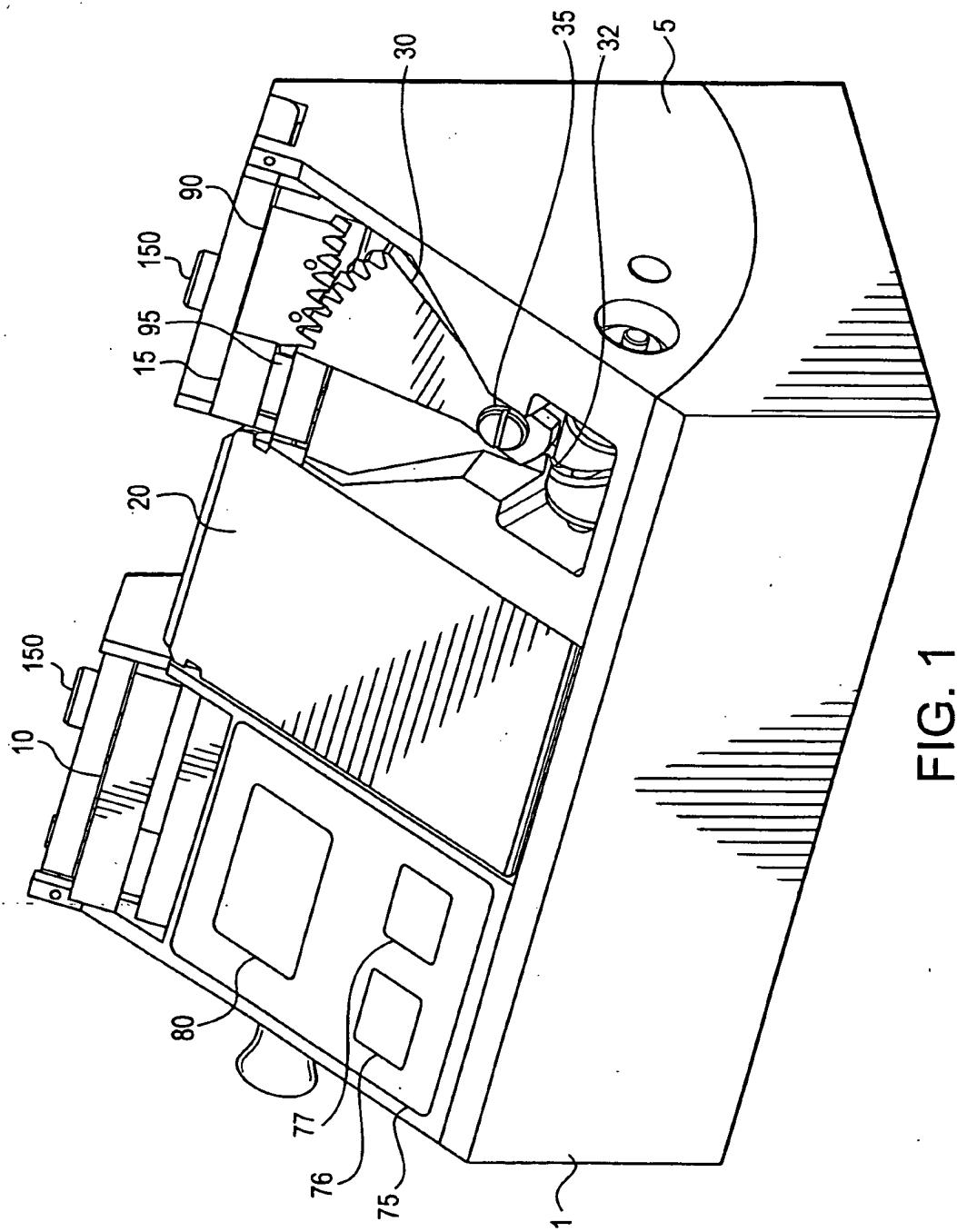


FIG. 1

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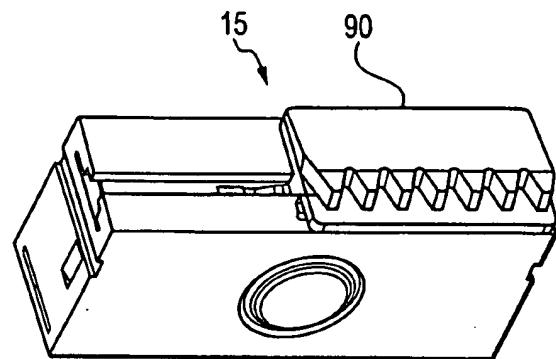


FIG. 4A

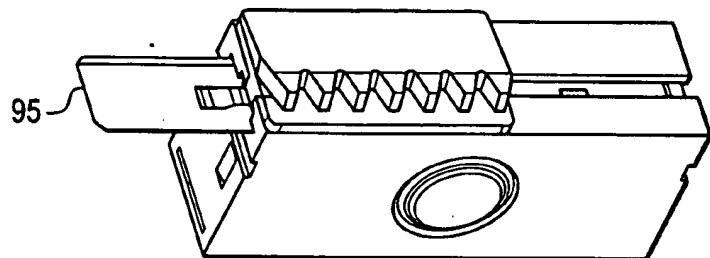


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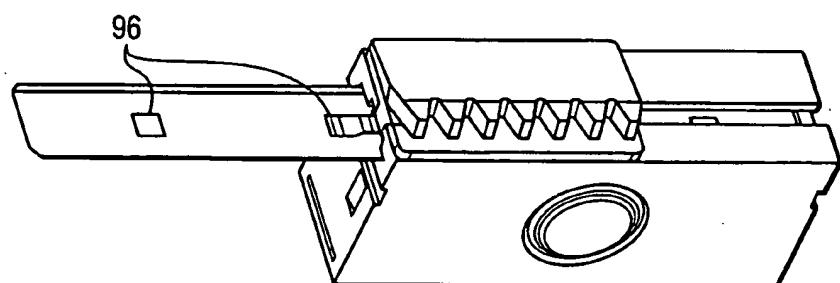


FIG. 4C

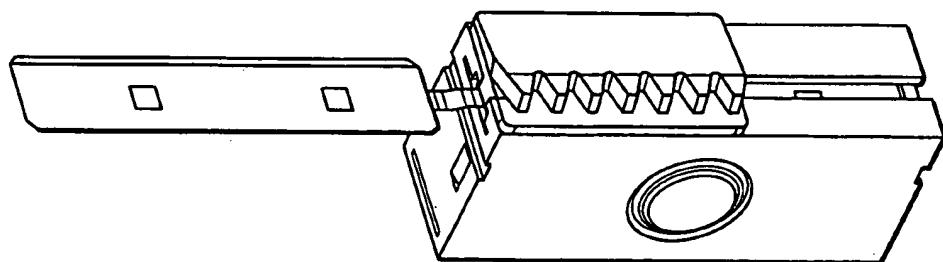


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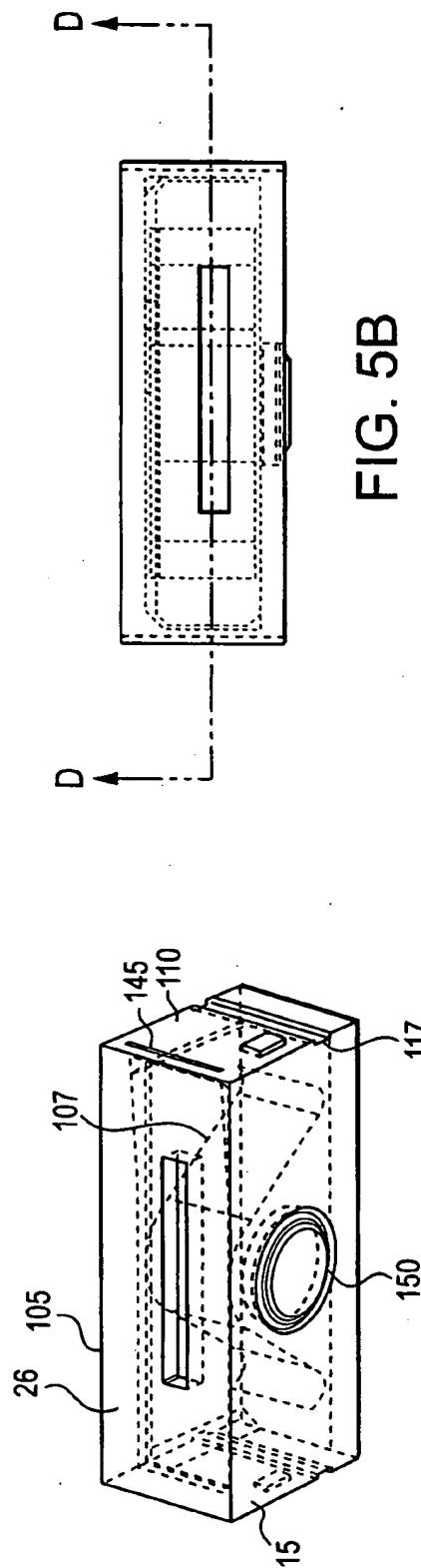


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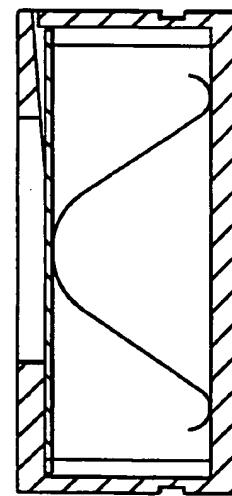


FIG. 5C

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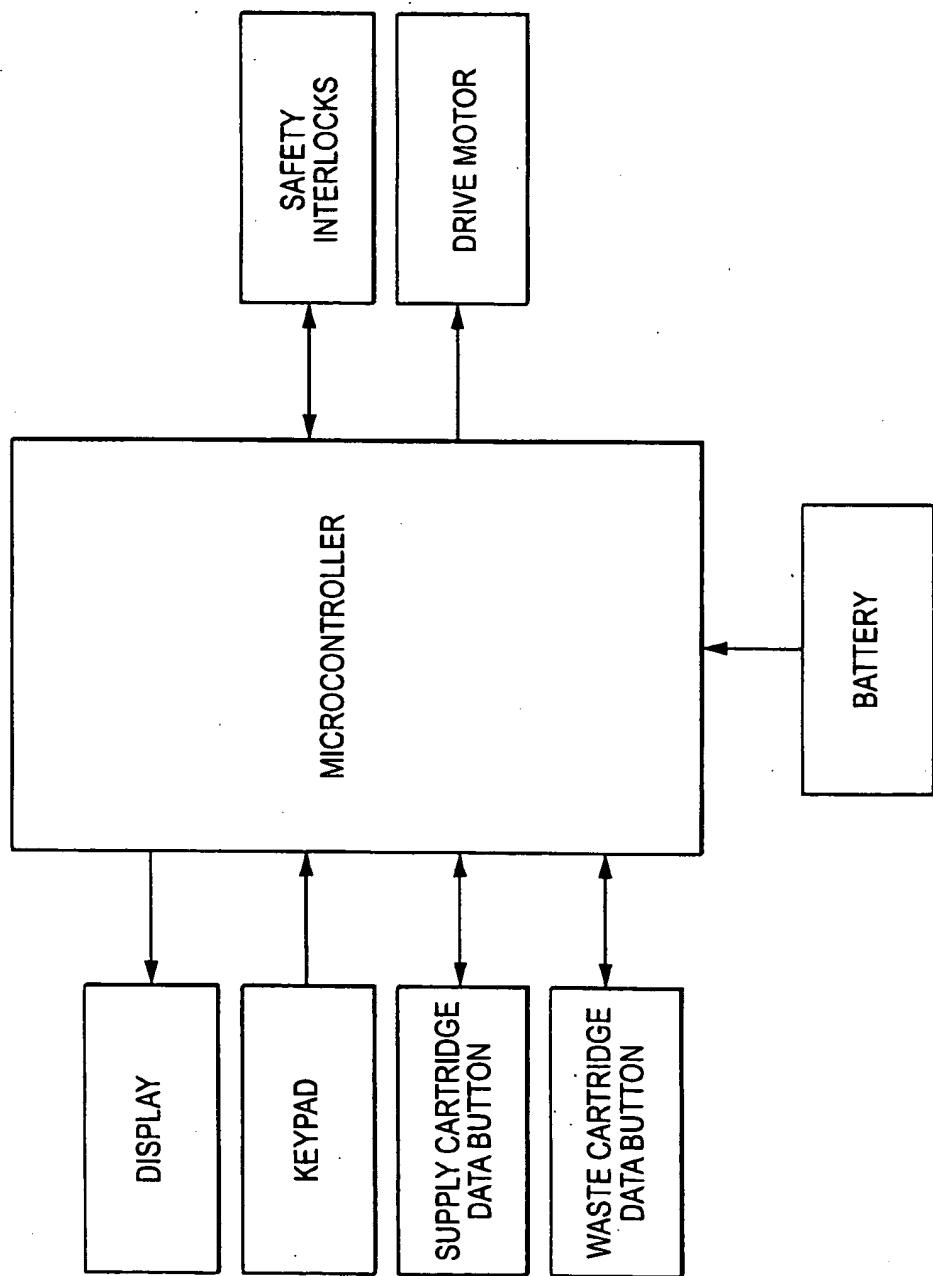
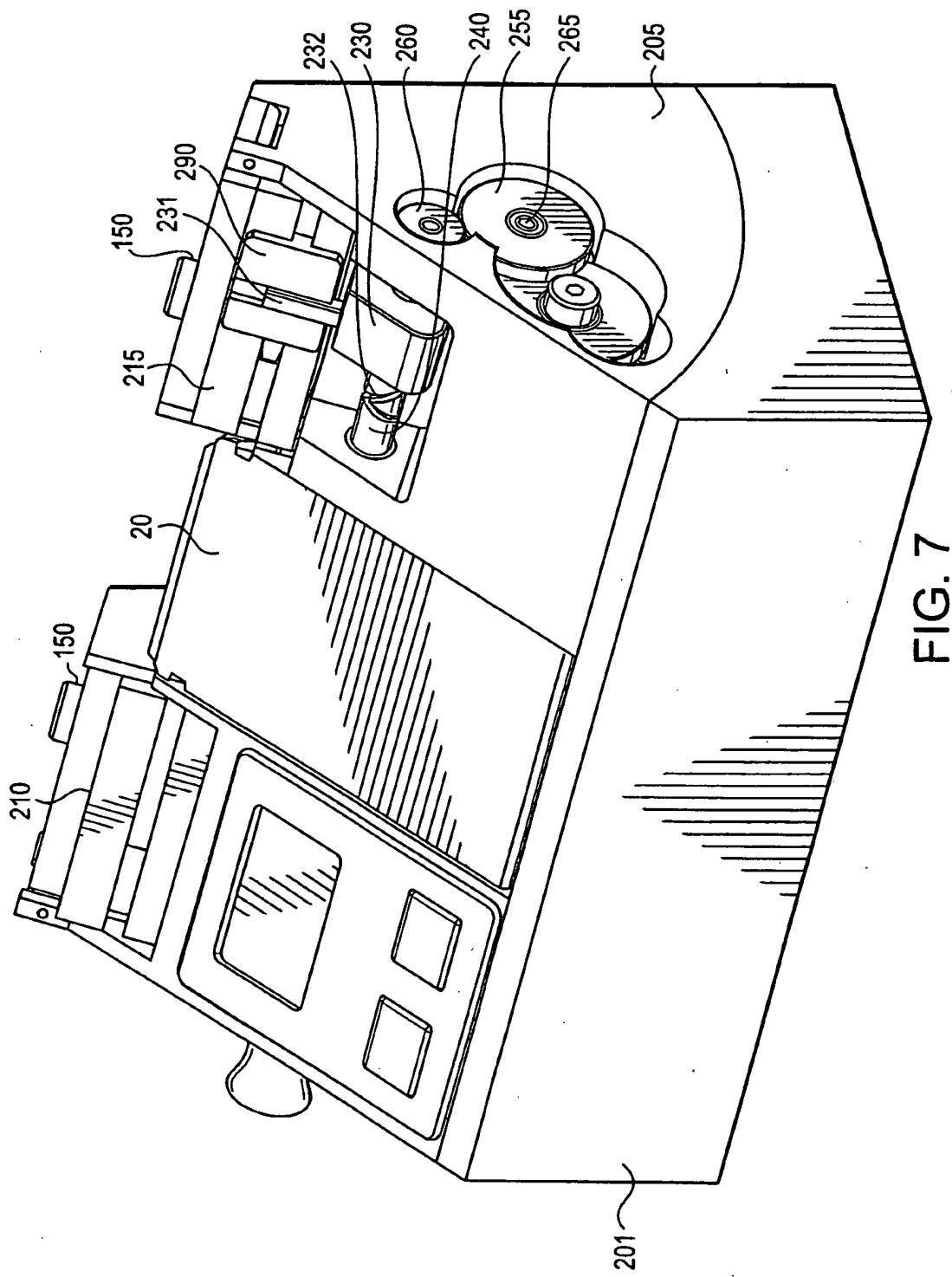


FIG. 6

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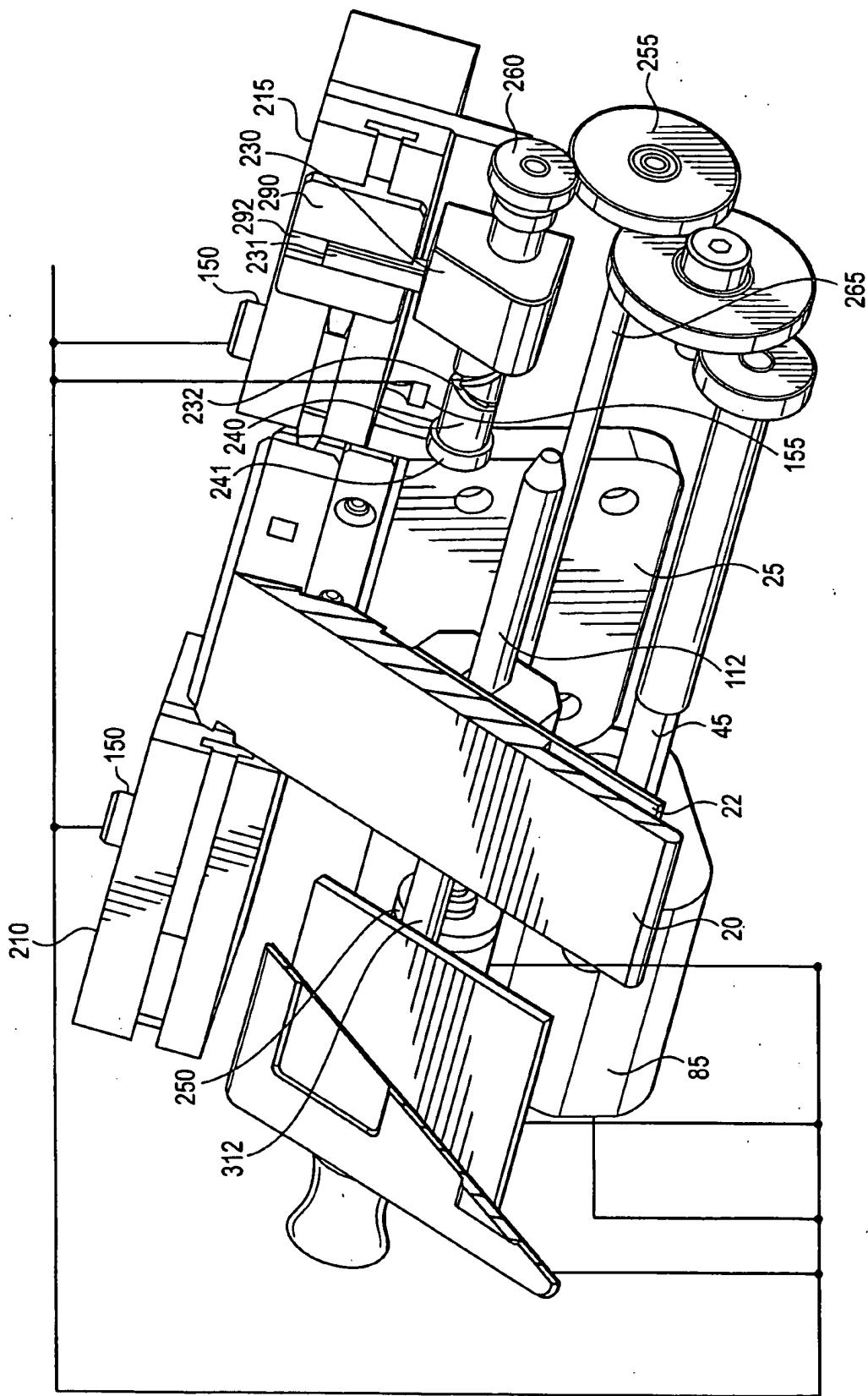


FIG. 8

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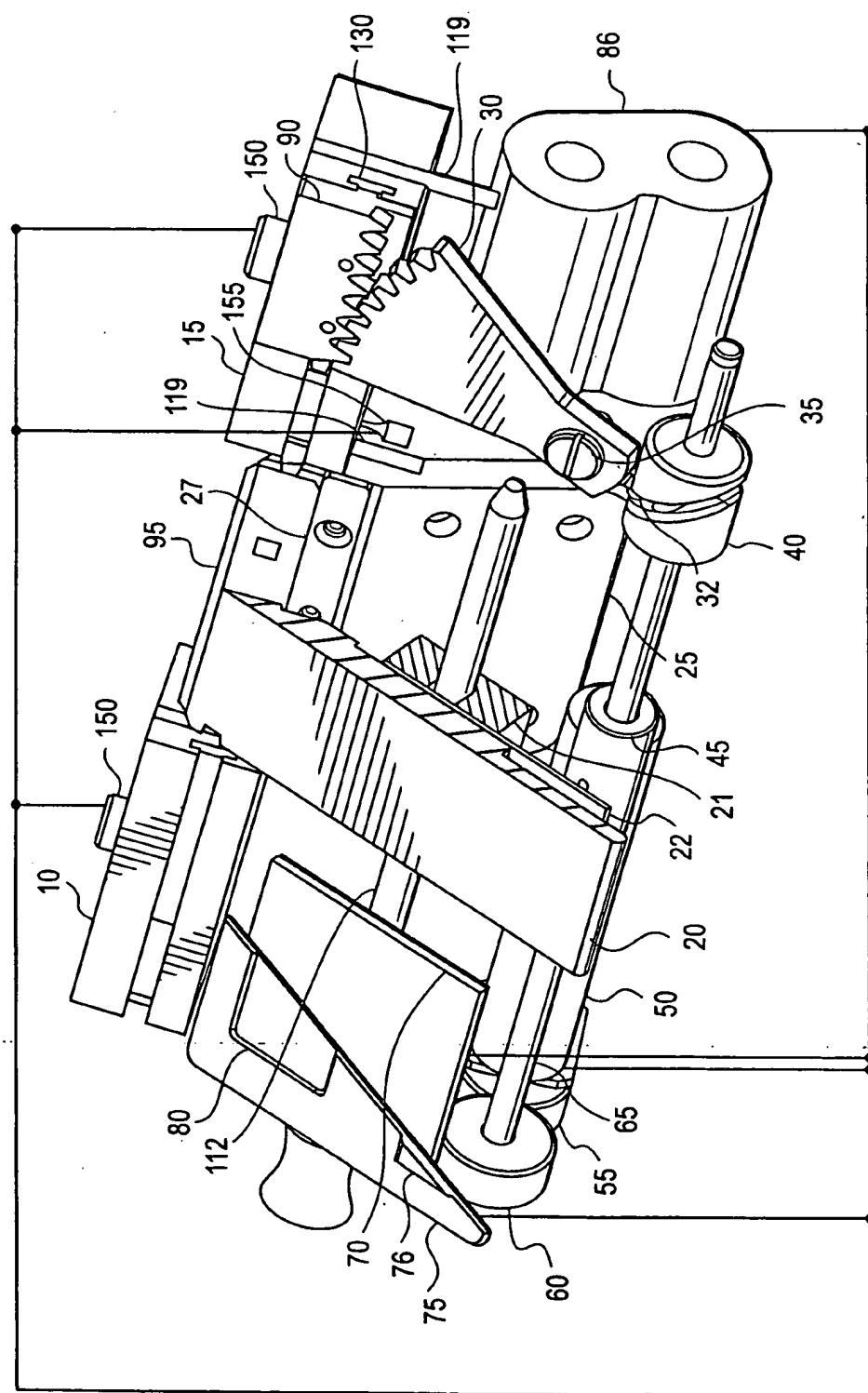


FIG. 2

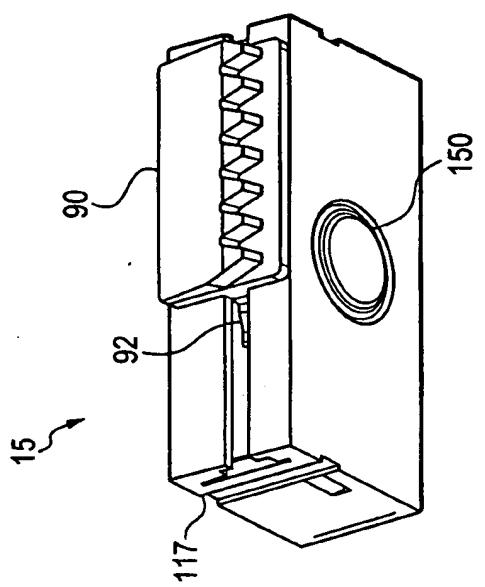


FIG. 3A

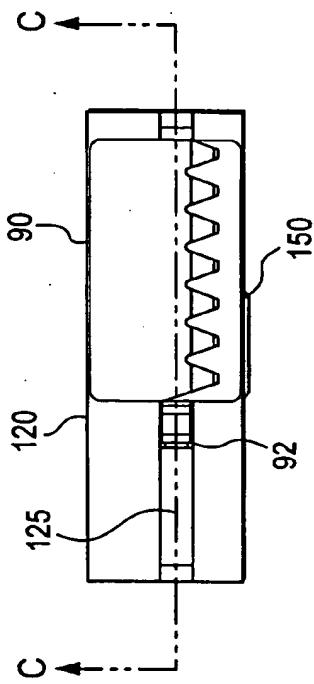


FIG. 3B

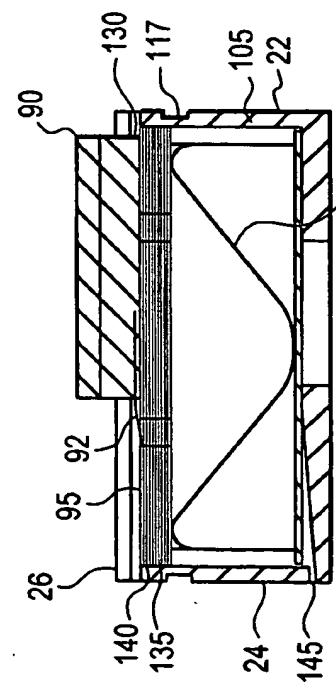


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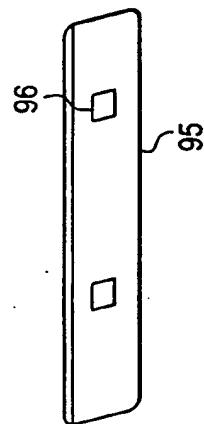


FIG. 3D